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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

(c) Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 151 and sub-item (a) appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/54/509 and A/54/684 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 65th, 66th, 67th and 74th meetings, from 16 to 18 May and on 2 June 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.65-67 and 74).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Item 151

Letter dated 13 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/54/55)

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Item 151 (a)

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Relevant chapter of the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 1999, on the review of the rate of post adjustment for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi: performance report for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (A/54/711)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi: proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 (A/54/733)

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/841 and Add.8)

Support account for peacekeeping operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations: performance report for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (A/54/797)

Report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations: estimated requirements for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 (A/54/800)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/832)

Note by the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations and the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/C.5/54/63 and Corr.1)

Reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment

Letter dated 28 January 2000 from the Chairman of the Phase V Working Group on reform procedures for determining reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, transmitting the report of the Working Group (A/C.5/54/49)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of contingent-owned equipment procedures and payments to troop-contributing countries (A/54/765)

Note by the Secretary-General on the reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment (A/54/795)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment (A/54/826)

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/54/30).

Reimbursement to troop-contributing States

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States (A/54/763)

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/841 and A/54/859)

Budgetary requirements of peacekeeping operations

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed budgetary requirements of each peacekeeping operation for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 (A/C.5/54/61)

Item 151 (c)

Note verbale dated 23 June 1999 from the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/1009)

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.71

4. At the 74th meeting, on 2 June, the representative of the Netherlands, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy" (A/C.5/54/L.71), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.71 without a vote (see para. 14, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.87

6. At the 74th meeting, on 2 June, the representative of the Netherlands, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/54/L.87), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.87 without a vote (see para. 14, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.92

8. At the 74th meeting, on 2 June, the representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment" (A/C.5/54/L.92), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.92 without a vote (see para. 14, draft resolution III).

D. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

10. At the 74th meeting, on 2 June, the representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on the question of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, reported on the results of the informal consultations.

11. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of this question to an early date during the main part of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (see para. 15, draft decision I).

E. Draft decision A/C.5/54/L.72

12. At the 74th meeting, on 2 June, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232" (A/C.5/54/L.72), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/54/L.72 without a vote (see para. 15, draft decision II).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

14. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/236 of 8 June 1999,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Base[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[2]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

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[2] A/54/711 and A/54/733.
[3] A/54/841 and Add.8.
[4] A/54/841/Add.8.

3. *Welcomes,* in this regard, the recent positive developments in the utilization of the Base, especially in contributing crucial logistic support to the launching of large new missions;

4. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

5. *Welcomes also* the intention of the Secretary-General to review the concept of the operations of the Base and requests him, as part of that review, to fully consider the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and report thereon to the General Assembly as soon as possible during its fifty-fifth session;

6. *Approves* the cost estimates for the Base amounting to 9,317,400 United States dollars gross (8,481,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

7. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 451,800 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, the interest income of 114,000 dollars and miscellaneous income of 1,166,000 dollars (1,731,800 dollars in total) to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

8. *Decides also* to prorate the balance of 7,585,600 dollars gross (6,479,500 dollars net) among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Base for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, thirteen Field Service and eighty-three locally recruited staff;

10. *Decides* to consider during its fifty-fifth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

Draft resolution II
Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998, 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, 53/12 B of 8 June 1999 and 54/243 of 23 December 1999 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations,[5] the performance report on the use of support account

[5] A/54/800.

resources for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7]

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[5] and the separate performance report on the use of support account resources for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;[6]

2. *Recognizes* the importance of the Organization being able to respond and deploy rapidly a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a Security Council mandate;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Affirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

5. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States and, to that effect, that the Secretary-General should request adequate funding to maintain the capacity of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

6. *Decides* to maintain for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

7. *Approves* the establishment of 469 support account-funded temporary posts, including one P-3 and one General Service post for the Training Unit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

8. *Notes* the importance of the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive concept of the United Nations rapid deployment capability, invites, in this regard, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations to review the concept of the Rapid Deployment Management Unit, including its compatibility with the rapidly deployable mission headquarters, in accordance with paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the mandate of relevant committees before requesting any human or financial resources;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to timeously inform Member States of all job vacancies in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and in field missions;

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[6] A/54/797.

[7] A/54/832.

11. *Reiterates* its requests to the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to avoid duplication and overlapping among departments of the Secretariat related to backstopping peacekeeping activities, and requests him, in this regard, to keep the General Assembly informed on concrete measures taken;

12. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions as well as relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

13. *Approves* the support account post and non-post requirements in the amount of 50,699,900 United States dollars gross (43,237,900 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

14. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 2,179,000 dollars from the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of 601,000 dollars in miscellaneous and interest income, and to prorate the balance of 48,520,900 dollars gross (41,058,900 dollars net) among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets, to meet the resources required for the support account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

15. *Stresses* the importance of providing detailed and comprehensive information on activities related to training, including information on its relation with the interests of the United Nations.

Draft resolution III
Reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 50/222 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997 and 54/19 of 29 October 1999,

Recalling also its decision 53/480 of 8 June 1999, by which the Secretary-General was requested to convene the Phase V working group,

Recalling further the report of the Secretary General[8] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[9] on the reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment,

Having considered the report of the Phase V Working Group on reform procedures for determining reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment[10] as transmitted by the Chairman of the Working Group to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee and the note by the Secretary-General[11] and the related report of the

[8] A/50/807.
[9] A/50/887.
[10] See A/C.5/54/49.
[11] A/54/795.

Advisory Committee[12] on the reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment,

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of contingent-owned equipment procedures and payments to troop-contributing countries,[13]

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Phase V Working Group on reform procedures for determining reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment;[10]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to collect the data from Member States referred to in the recommendations made by the Working Group in paragraphs 44 and 45 of its report[10] concerning the cost of painting and repainting major equipment;

3. *Takes note* of the views of the Secretariat regarding replacement of the term "force-wide" with the term "force level", the inclusion of climatic and environmental changes under inland transportation costs, and the medical equipment threshold of 1,500 United States dollars,[14] and invites the post-Phase V Working Group to reconsider these issues;

4. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[15] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to convene, for not less than ten working days, in accordance with annex IX to the report of the Phase V Working Group,[10] a post-Phase V Working Group in January/February 2001, to review rates for major equipment, self-sustainment and medical support services, and to include, within the post-phase V Working Group, appropriate expertise to conduct the vaccination cost review recommended by the Phase V Working Group in paragraph 87 (a) (iii) of its report;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate and sufficient conference facilities for the post-Phase V Working Group are provided, taking duly into consideration the Working Group's structure and needs;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to collect data from Member States and to report to the General Assembly on the extent of his success;

8. *Urges* Member States in this regard to provide the data pertaining to major equipment and self-sustainment to the Secretariat by 31 October 2000 at the latest, in order for the Secretariat to report to the General Assembly in November 2000 on the adequacy of the data, with a view to ascertaining whether the data are available for holding the meeting of the post-Phase V Working Group in January/February 2001;

9. *Emphasizes* that the Secretary-General should strictly ensure that in future, when the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services are transmitted, a reference to General Assembly resolution 54/244 of 23 December 1999 is included in addition to a reference to Assembly resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, and issue a corrigendum to the current report;[13]

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[12] A/54/826.

[13] See A/54/765.

[14] See A/54/795, sect. II.

[15] See A/54/826.

10. *Decides* to keep this matter under review at its fifty-fifth session.

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15. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States,[16] and decides to postpone consideration of the question to an early date during the main part of its fifty-fifth session.

Draft decision II
Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

The General Assembly decides to defer to its fifty-fifth session a decision on the question of the relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989.

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[16] A/54/763.